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FIELD DAY 2003

Mid-State ARC members went a long way to make Field Day 2003 a success. JR Osborne-KB9HSE and about two dozen Johnson county hams packed their gear and made the trek to Field Day in Avon, Indiana. Matt Payne-KB9UJE trailered the portable tower to the Hendricks county site. JR's 20 meter beam and R7000 verticle HF antenna were mounted on the tower and cranked up for peak performance.

Hams from 10 different counties participated in the two day event. Jay Wright and Spense Gibbs organized the emergency operation. Various city and county officials proclaimed the last weekend in June 2003 as Amateur Radio Field Day.

No one left hungry. The Indianapolis Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and even the local Avon American Legion Post made sure the hams were well fed. This was the first time Avon town officials have allowed camping in their new park.

An abundance of tents, campers and amateur radio operators made for one very Super Field Day 2003.

- W8ISH



CONGRATULATIONS

RECENT NEW TICKETS AND UP-GRADES

Roger Brewer	KC9EDV	GENERAL
Steve Brinkley	KB9ZLG	GENERAL
Bonnie Halcomb	KC9EDT	TECH PLUS
Mark Meyers	KC9EDQ	TECH
Jerry Brown	KC9EDR	TECH
Scott Hootman	KC9EDU	TECH
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Brian Kendall	KC9AWW	TECH PLUS
Gail Wallace	KC9EDW	TECH

TIME FOR THE FLAT ROCK RUN

Put on your running shoes, grab your HT and head for Flatrock, Indiana for another fall marathon. It's not fall yet, but that never stopped the Flatrock Fire Department from having their annual fall festival. Each year the 5 mile run and 2 mile walk get the weekend event off to a fast start. As usual, the Mid-State hams will provide emergency communications around the rural course.

Plans call for an all-you-can-eat breakfast of sausage, pancakes and coffee. Breakfast is served beginning at 6 a.m. It's early, but it's also free. It's the fire fighters way of showing appreciation for our participation in the marathon. We will need about 18 units to cover the course that takes in Shelby and Bartholomew counties. All units must be in their assigned position by 7:15 a.m. The race starts promptly at 7:45 a.m.

Joe Rogers-KF9LQ will handle the net traffic. We will be running APRS to help track the lead and end runners. As usual our mission includes safe traffic flow around the runners. See Jack Parker W8ISH at the July meeting or send an e-mail if you can help.
W8ISH@arrl.net

We are usually wrapped up by 9:30 a.m.

See you there. -W8ISH



The summer is nearly half over and we've just begun our summer of public service events.

This past week found many club members manning the emergency operations tent at the Johnson county fair. We ran 2-meter, 70cm, APRS, PSK31 and HF modes during the seven day run of the fair. The complete list of volunteers is not in. We'll have a complete wrap up of MARC at the Fair in the next issue of Spark Gap.

-W8ISH

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

August 9th 6 a.m. Flat Rock 7K Run and walk

August 9th MARC annual yard sale at the Whiteland home of JR and Carol Osborne.

October 18th MARC club picnic at Johnson County Park 11a.m.

Still to come...Greenwood High School Band Contest

M.A.R.C. GARAGE SALE

The MARC Garage Sale will be here before you know it. You still have time to contribute your used and/or new items to this very worthwhile event. It will be held at the home of JR(KB9HSE) and Carol (KC9CFK) Osborne.

The Garage Sale will take place on Friday August 9th and Saturday August 10th, 10 AM to 4 PM. Location is at 149 Mooreland Drive, Whiteland

Contact Carol at : 535-3922 for more information.

All donations will be accepted and the money raised will go to club projects.

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FORMER MARC MEMBER DIES IN MOTOR CYCLE ACCIDENT

It is with sadness that we learned about the death of former MARC member David Reneau, AA9KT. Dave has been working for a number of years on the east-coast.

Dave had recently purchased a new motor cycle the day before he was involved in a fatal accident.

Our sympathies are with his family on their loss. Dave was very active in the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club when he lived in the Indianapolis area.

MARC MEMBER MOVING TO OHIO

It was learned that Herb Caldwell, KB9YOF would soon be moving to the Columbus, Ohio area. Herb's wife has accepted a position at Ohio State University on their faculty. Their home in Greenwood has been sold and the family will be moving by the end of the month.

We wish Herb and his family the best of luck in their new home in Ohio.

You will still be able to catch Herb on the HF bands once he has his station is set up in his new house.

MANY THANKS TO ALL THAT WORKED AT THE JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR THIS YEAR.

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Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets at 0800 EST the third Saturday of each month at the Johnson County Law Enforcement Center in the Emergency Operations Center. All hams are encouraged to attend this meeting and VE testing is held after the meeting has ended, January through November.

MARC operates the 146.835 (151.4 PL) repeater and all hams are welcome to use it.

For more information please visit our club web page at: <http://www.midstatehams.org>